

In the Specification:

On page 1, please replace the paragraph beginning on line 3 with the following:

This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/503,387, filed February 14, 2000 ~~now abandoned~~, pending, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/454,824, filed December 6, 1999, ~~now abandoned~~, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/345,468, filed June 30, 1999, ~~now U.S. Patent~~ 6,245,527, the entire contents of each of which is incorporated by reference in its entirety.

On page 15, please replace the paragraph beginning on line 27 with the following:

FIGURES 8A-8D[[8A-8B]] depict an alignment of the nucleotide sequence of the open reading frame for human monocyte inhibitory receptor precursor (SEQ ID NO:24; GenBank Accession Number U91928) and the nucleotide sequence of the open reading frame for mouse TANGO 268 (SEQ ID NO:15). The nucleotide sequences of coding regions of human monocyte inhibitory receptor precursor and mouse TANGO 268 are 34.4% identical. The nucleotide sequences of full-length, including the 5' and 3' untranslated regions (UTRs), human monocyte inhibitory receptor precursor SEQ ID NO:11; GenBank Accession Number U91928) and mouse TANGO 268 are 35.6% identical. These alignments were performed using the ALIGN alignment program with a PAM120 scoring matrix, a gap length penalty of 12, and a gap penalty of 4.

On page 30, please replace the paragraph beginning on line 9 with the following:

In general, mouse TANGO 268 has most homology to various members of the immunoglobulin superfamily that includes NK inhibitory and activating receptors and Fc receptors. The full-length nucleic acid sequence of mouse TANGO 268 exhibits 35.6% identity to the full-length nucleic acid human monocyte inhibitory receptor precursor (SEQ ID NO:11; Accession Number U91928). Figures 8A-8D[[8A-8B]] show an alignment of the mouse TANGO 268 coding region (SEQ ID NO:15) with the human monocyte inhibitory receptor precursor protein coding region (SEQ ID NO:24). The nucleotide sequences of the coding regions of human monocyte inhibitory receptor precursor and mouse TANGO 268 are 34.4%

identical. The nucleotide sequences of the full-length human monocyte inhibitory receptor precursor (SEQ ID NO:11; Accession Number U91928) and full-length mouse TANGO 268 (SEQ ID NO:14) are 35.6% identical. Figure 9 shows that there is an overall 20.3% identity between the mouse TANGO 268 amino acid sequence and the human monocyte inhibitory receptor protein amino acid sequence (SEQ ID NO:12; Accession Number U91928).